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- 1. CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT SENIOR ASSISTANT SELIG S.
  HARRISON (STATE 307346 OF 20 DEC 76) BRIEFED EMBOFF
  FEB 9 ON 35-MINUTE INTERVIEW HE HAD EARLIER DURING DAY WITH
  PRESIDENT DAOUD. CONVERSATION DEALT EXCLUSIVELY WITH AFGHAN
  POSITION TOWARD PUSHTUNISTAN ISSUE. HARRISON DESCRIBED DAOUD'S
  MOOD GENERALLY AS "FIRM BUT NOT MILITANT OR THREATENING".
- 2. DAOUD DESCRIBED TO HARRISON FEELING THAT FUTURE CONVERSATION BETWEEN HIMSELF AND BHUTTO SHOULD BE AIMED AT REALIZATION OF SPECIFIC GOALS AND UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WILL TEND TO GUARANTEE SUCCESS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT "AN HONORABLE SETTLEMENT" WILL BE ONE TO WHICH ALL PARTIES CAN AGREE -- MEANING ONE SATISFACTORY NOT JUST TO THE AFGHAN AND PAKISTAN GOVTS, BUT ACCEPTABLE AS WELL TO "THE BALUCH AND PUSHTUN PEOPLES".
- 3. DAOUD PONDERED HOW IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO KNOW WHAT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THESE PEOPLE WHEN THEIR LEADERS ARE STILL IN JAIL. (AT ONE POINT DAOUD ADDED "IN JAIL UNDER FALSE PRECONFIDENTIAL

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TENSES".) UNTIL JAILED MEMBERS OF NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY (NAP) ARE RELEASED, DAOUD THUS SEEMS TO INDICATE NO FINAL COMMITMENT CAN BE MADE. HARRISON BELIEVED DAOUD SEES NAP LEADERS' RELEASE NOT AS "NEGOTIATING PRE-CONDITION" BUT AS SUBSTANTIVE NECESSITY.

4. DAOUD INDICATED BELIEF THAT RELEASE OF NAP LEADERS IN PAKISTAN SHOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE PAK ELECTIONS, ENABLING THEM

TO TAKE PART IN "LIFE STREAM OF COUNTRY". DAOUD WENT ON TO
SAY HOWEVER THAT IF RELEASE TOOK PLACE AFTER ELECTIONS THIS
WOULD STILL BE REGARDED AS A "FRIENDLY AND POSITIVE ACT,
VERY USEFUL".
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